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DISASTROUS WRECK

Eight Persons Killed and a Score Injured

A NUMBER OF THEM FATALLY

Caused by Failure of Operator to Throw Switch

Express Train on Baltimore Railroad Crashes Into Freight—Two Engines Demolished—Engineer Burned to a Crisp—Every Occupant of Smoker Badly Injured

Wheeling, West Va., Sept. 28.—Eight men were killed and a score injured, a number fatally, at Bellaire, Ohio, at 3.15 this afternoon when the Chicago and Wheeling express train on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad crashed into a freight train which was moving slowly on a siding.

The wreck was due, it is said, to the failure of an operator to throw the switch. The west bound freight had received orders to meet the passenger at the western limits of the Bellaire yard, and was moving slowly along the siding. At the point where the wreck occurred there is a very sharp curve which prevents the engineers of the east bound train from seeing more than a few feet ahead. The passenger train swung around the curve very rapidly, being three hours late, and should have gone on in safety on the main line. The switch to the siding, however, had not been turned and the train shot on to the siding and into the freight. There was scarcely time to apply the brakes and no time for the engineers to jump. The two big engines were reduced to junk by the impact, but the worst damage was done to the smoker which was telescoped so completely by the baggage car that every seat was thrown out of the coach.

Every occupant of the smoker was badly injured. The passengers in the other day coach and the two Pullmans were tumbled from their seats but not seriously injured.

Engineer Galbraith was burned to a crisp by escaping steam. The injured were taken to the Glendale, West Virginia and Bellaire hospitals.

General Manager Fitzgerald, who was on the neighborhood on an inspection tour, and General Superintendent W. C. Loree, of Wheeling, personally superintended the rescue work. Great difficulty was experienced in removing the injured passengers from the wrecked smoker. Work was slow because every movement of the debris caused some one to shriek with pain as the victims were entangled in a mass of timbers and twisted irons.

Among the passengers on the train were the members of Richard Carles Spring Chicken comic opera, which was to have played at Wheeling this afternoon and evening. All the members of the company escaped serious injuries except Alfred Bolby, the musical director. It was found necessary to amputate his right arm, thus ending his career in his profession. He was riding in the smoker and was found with a heavy timber tightly binding him by the arms.

The wrecked passenger train left Chicago for Pittsburgh and Wheeling at 9.30 last night. The train is divided at Chicago Junction, part going on to Pittsburgh by way of Akron and the other part coming through to Wheeling via Newark. The Wheeling end of the train consisted of six coaches.

In the office of Superintendent Loree tonight it was said that they were not yet certain which operator is to blame for the accident, but a thorough investigation was under way. The property damage will amount to about \$60,000. A curious feature of the wreck is that the baggage car and the smoker were the only cars on the passenger train damaged.

INTERRED AT SOUTHPORT

Funeral Services Over Remains of Late Harry Christoffersen.

A short funeral service was held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the Seamen's Home, on Front and Dock streets, over the remains of the late Mr. Harry Christoffersen who ended his life by shooting himself in the head some time Friday morning. The service was attended by a number of the friends of the deceased, after which the body was carried to Southport, where the interment was made yesterday afternoon.

DREWRY'S EXPLANATION.

Tells Why the Southern Railway Paid Him \$6,000—Editor Rotter Resigns.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., September 28.—The Raleigh Evening Times which appeared in one edition late this afternoon contained two sensational statements. The first was signed by State Senator John C. Drewry, grand secretary of the grand lodge of Masons, and president of the newspaper company, breaking his silence of five days regarding the vouchers for six thousand dollars paid him in ten months last year by First Vice President A. B. Andrews of the Southern railway.

Drewry says that two years ago, then owning an interest in the paper he approached Andrews and asked him how he would like to see a large afternoon paper in Raleigh. Andrews replied he would greatly like it as the News and Observer had never treated him or the Southern fairly, having personal animosity against both and he insisted on an impartial paper.

Andrews said he could not take any stock, but would give advertising to the value of a few thousand dollars, upon the paper publishing the schedules, special notices and such clippings from other papers as he might designate, the editorial department to be left entirely to the editor. Drewry says the paper was then enlarged, all this before he had any idea of being state senator, that it was April of last year Andrews paid him a Southern railway voucher for two thousand dollars, which was turned over to the business manager, George G. Crater, and deposited to the credit of the Evening Times, that in August of last year Andrews again sent another voucher for \$2,000, which was similarly handled as the books show that late in January last, after Drewry was in the senate, Andrews again gave him another like voucher for the same sum which was deposited in the bank. Drewry says, that a few hours later, realizing that as senator he might be criticized for accepting such a voucher, even though as president of the newspaper, and so returned it, and that was credited February 4th as paid back by the newspaper.

Drewry denies that Andrews or the Southern railway contributed a nickel to his campaign fund directly or indirectly and says neither controlled him in the senate, or ever tried to do so, and that in nearly all cases he united against the railroads and for the 2-1-4 cent rate. He says this is a full and frank statement and that he delayed making it until he could verify each statement.

The second sensation was the following which appeared at the head of the editorial column:

A word personal: This afternoon I tendered my resignation as editor of the Raleigh Evening Times, to take effect immediately. Signed S. L. Rotter.

It is rumored that other resignations will follow. It is no secret that the state will use special effort in its fight for the new passenger rate, the revelations made as to these Southern vouchers and that Drewry's statement will cut a large figure in this matter. A state officer so informed your correspondent this afternoon. Editor Rotter has been with the Evening Times since last March.

BRYAN AT STATE FAIR

Mother of Child Will Have to Face Charge of Murder.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., September 28.—Wm. J. Bryan, the orator on Thursday, October 17th, at the North Carolina state fair, is to be given a luncheon at the fair grounds after the address. It will be served in a tent, the arrangements being similar to those when President Roosevelt spoke two years ago.

When the aged negress Elvira Parker was arrested charged with murdering the new born infant of Rosa Johnson, white, it was predicted she would escape, and this afternoon she was acquitted. Rosa Johnson is in jail on the charge of concealing birth, but the charge will now be changed to murder and her mother is implicated.

Jury Failed to Agree

Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 28.—The jury in the case of Ack Hale, who is charged with the murder of Lillie Davis, a pretty 15-year old Bristol girl in East Hill cemetery here March 27th last, failed to agree today and the jury was discharged. It stood 8 for hanging, 3 for a penitentiary sentence and one for acquittal. The trial has been in progress in the circuit court at Blountville.

Increased Assessment.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 28.—The state corporation commission has increased the assessment on telegraph and telephone companies in the state for 1907 to the aggregate amount of five thousand eight hundred and thirty dollars and sixty two cents. The total value of all property is put at two million, three hundred and thirty seven thousand, one hundred and twenty dollars and twelve cents.

BEFORE U. S. SUPREME COURT

Appeal of Sheriff of County of Buncombe

Agent of Southern Railway Sentenced to Imprisonment for Violating Rate Law—Released by Judge Pritchard—Appeal Taken by State.

Washington, Sept. 28.—The papers in the appeal of Sheriff Thomas F. Hunter, of Buncombe county, North Carolina, against James H. Wood, the agent of the Southern railway company, who was found guilty by a state court in Buncombe county, of violating the state railroad rate law, reached the supreme court of the United States today. Mr. Wood was indicted and sentenced to thirty days imprisonment when Judge Pritchard of the United States circuit court intervened in his behalf and discharged him on a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that the rate law was unconstitutional. The proceeding, as it comes to the supreme court, is in the nature of an appeal by the state, although it is in Hunter's name as he was in charge of Wood as executive officer of the county in which he was tried. In his petition for an appeal Hunter contends that Judge Pritchard's decision was erroneous in that he assumed jurisdiction and admitted testimony to which exception was taken. It also is declared that Judge Pritchard was out of order in holding the law to be unconstitutional and in assuming that because he had taken cognizance of the rate law in a previous case he had control of the litigation under the law.

PROFITS OF PIPE LINES

Are Declared to Have Been, in Many Cases, Excessive

And Maintained to Prevent Shipments of Crude Oil by Independent Producers—Interesting Testimony of Charles White, Assistant Secretary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

New York, Sept. 27.—Frank B. Kellogg, conducting the suit for the United States for the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, made another hunt today in the hearing of the oil case to discover a trail that would lead to the finding of the long sought books of the Standard Oil trustees and liquidating trustees.

When the hearing concluded Mr. Kellogg said that he was closer to the books, from which he hopes to prove that the oil combine never underwent a legal dissolution, than he had been at any time since the government's action was commenced.

Charles White, the assistant secretary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, said on the witness stand today that when he went to the secretary's office to assume his new duties there were two steel safes in the office. One of them contained the books and records of the Standard Oil Company the witness said; what was in the other safe he did not know.

Mr. White said that no one told him the nature of the contents of the second safe which was removed two weeks after he had been there.

From whom the order came or where it was taken to, the witness said he could not answer. Mr. White said that he had never seen the records of the Standard Oil trustees or the liquidation trustees showing the various transfers of stock in the trust and liquidation period.

Mr. White said that he had hunted for the records recently, but was unable to find them.

More testimony was taken today to show the profits of some of the Standard's subsidiary pipe lines, which the government's counsel declares, are excessive and maintained to prevent shipments of crude oil by independent producers.

George Chesbro, controller of several of these subsidiary pipe lines, testified that the Southern pipe line of Pennsylvania earned \$4,476,618 gross in 1899 and that the operating expenses were only \$316,522. The balance sheet of the company for that year showed the net plant investment to be \$2,125,660. The company's balance sheet showed an item of \$2,607,856 as a payment to J. P. Trainer and charged to operating expenses.

Chesbro said that he could give no information about Trainer account, or why it had been charged to operating expenses.

In 1900 the balance sheet of the company showed \$4,599,338 paid to Mr. Trainer.

The case was adjourned today until next Thursday in order that John G. Millburn, one of the defendants counsel might attend the McKinley monument dedication in Canton, Ohio.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

Great Gathering Addressed by the Bishop of London

Remarks of Speakers Mainly Humorous—Used Modern Slang Which He Admitted He Had Picked Up in this Country—Delegates Received by President at White House.

Washington, September 28.—The address of the Bishop of London at a gathering at Continental Hall and the election of members of the international council of the organizations were the features of today's sessions of the twenty-seventh annual session of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The delegates were received by President Roosevelt at the white house this afternoon. The president also entertained at luncheon Right Rev. Winington Ingram, the Bishop of London; Silas McBee and Chaplain Anderson of the bishop's suite, and Secretary of the Interior Garfield, and Assistant Attorney General Coolidge were also present.

The address of the bishop was mainly humorous. The influence for good of man over his fellows was the theme of his informal remarks and he said that the force of unconscious influence he had found to be greater than conscious effort. In fact, he said, he always made a sad mess of it, when he went out deliberately to influence any one. He had many times been invited to the United States to address the Brotherhood and at one time had been offered one hundred pounds sterling and all expenses to come. That offer, he said, gave him a great idea of the solvency of the Brotherhood. He said he was in great fear during his talk of pressing the button that would release one of the three addresses he had arranged to deliver tomorrow.

In his talk the bishop used modern slang phrases which he admitted he and picked up on this side of the Atlantic. "That your influence shall be unquestioned," he said, "you must not only have nothing up your sleeve, but obviously there must be nothing up your sleeve. There must be no suggestion of cheating or jockeying, and no underhand methods. He referred to an incident connected with the gift of a book to Bishop Satterlee on the occasion of his recent visit to London.

Addressing the Bishop of Washington, the Bishop of London said:

"Shall I inscribe this to 'Henry of Washington?' whereupon, according to the speaker, the bishop of Washington replied:

"By no means. My people will think I am putting on frills." He declared that the world over the people you want to reach will not stand for a person having too good an opinion of himself.

"To have a good influence over people you must be absolutely straight," said the bishop, "and right here, let me say that that seems to be the leading characteristic of your splendid president. Since arriving yesterday I have had three or four hours of the most delightful conversation I ever had with any one in my life."

Announcement was made that the next meeting of the Brotherhood in England would be held July 2 to 6 inclusive, 1908, at Oxford University.

During the afternoon members of the various councils were chosen, and special meetings held by the brotherhood in the United States and the brotherhood in Canada. The delegates later visited the white house and were received by the President.

Bishop Satterlee, of the diocese of Washington, this evening gave a dinner in honor of the Lord Bishop of London, who is his house guest. Included in the dinner party were a number of the noted prelates from abroad and this country who are here in attendance upon the convention of the brotherhood. A reception followed the dinner.

PRACTICALLY PROHIBITION

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 28.—The state supreme court today held the Pendleton law to be constitutional. This statute enacted by the Tennessee legislature last spring, makes mandatory the abolishment of saloons in all cities in Tennessee of 100,000 inhabitants or less, "hereafter incorporated," it being an amendment to the so-called Adams law which inhibited saloons in all towns of 5,000 or less population, it is a virtual extension of the "four mile" law to all cities in the state.

May Die at Any Moment.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 28.—Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, who is serving a term in the penitentiary for wrecking the bank at Oberlin, Ohio, is quite weak today, according to the official statement of the doctor in charge of the case at the state prison hospital. Dr. Helmick today issued an official statement in which he said that although Mrs. Chadwick's condition is not dangerous it is such that it is not improbable that she may drop off at any moment.

ITS AIMS ARE POLITICAL

Thirty States Represented at Conference at New York

League Will be Formed in Opposition to Republican and Democratic Parties—Promoters of New Organization Say That the Old Parties are Dominated by Corporation Interests—Address by Hearst.

New York, Sept. 27.—The organization of a national independence league was decided upon at a meeting today of representatives of state independence leagues, and others who are in sympathy with the objects of these leagues as outlined in state or local platforms. The national body will be a solidification of minor leagues existing or yet to be formed. Its aims are political, and in opposition to the republican and democrat parties which the league promoters declare are dominated by corporation interests and no longer are representatives of the people.

Today's conference was held at Carnegie Hall where some 200 men, said to represent thirty states, met at the invitation of the independence league of this city, and were addressed by Wm. R. Hearst, the gubernatorial candidate last fall, of the independence league and democratic parties in this state. Before his endorsement by the democratic state convention, and subsequent defeat by Governor Hughes, Mr. Hearst was the municipal league's candidate for mayor and was beaten by Mayor McClellan, the democratic nominee. Preceding the business meeting the participants were given an informal reception by Mr. Hearst at the Gilsey House, where most of those from out of town stopped. At the hall afternoon and evening sessions were held, the feature of the afternoon being the address by Mr. Hearst who said that the conference had been called to discuss the advisability of forming a national independence league. He told of the success of the league in New York, Massachusetts and California, and urged the formation of a minor league in every state and the union of all in a general body. The republican and democratic parties, he said, were hopelessly in the control of corporation interests.

They failed he said, to represent the people and a third party was sorely needed. There were other speeches after which two committees, one organization and another to prepare a platform outlining the aims of the national body were appointed. These committees were instructed to report at the night session. The state committee of the independence league has been called to meet in the Gilsey House headquarters at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The state convention of the organization called to nominate two candidates for associate judges of the court of appeals, will assemble in Carnegie Hall at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

After temporary organization is perfected State Attorney General William H. Jackson, who was elected last year on the democratic and independence league tickets, is scheduled to make a speech in which he is expected to voice the league's campaign plans. The nominations will be made in the evening.

Basket Ball Games Called Off

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 27.—It was announced by the department of congresses and special events of the Jamestown exposition today that the amateur athletic union basketball championship games which were to have been had at the exposition the last three days in September, had been called off.

Negro Murderer Arrested.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Richard Walton, the negro arrested yesterday in Springfield, Ill., for the murder of Mrs. Lillian W. Grant, informed the police today that another negro named Marcus H. Lemerine, was the actual slayer of Mrs. Grant. Lemerine was arrested late in the afternoon.

Negro Masonic Conference

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 27.—The National Negro Masonic Congress, which has been in session here for four days went to Newport News Va., today and there had its concluding session this afternoon. The delegates will leave for their homes tonight and tomorrow morning.

Gans Gets Decision Over Memsic

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 27.—Joe Gans, of Baltimore tonight got the decision over George Memsic, of Chicago, at the end of the twentieth round.

Now that a Chinese athletic club has beaten an American team at baseball, it is time we were granting all the advantages of civilization to the Chinese.—Atlanta Journal.

BUN OVER BY ENGINE

Two Women Meet Horrible Death in Norfolk

DROGGED LONG DISTANCE

Almost Within Sight of Their Husbands

Bodies Are Unrecognizable Mass of Human Flesh—Victims were from Springfield, Mass.—Were Delegates to Convention of Bible Students of America.

Norfolk, Va., September 28.—Ground into bits, their bodies an unrecognizable mass of human flesh, two women, Mrs. Henry Holmes and Mrs. U. G. Munsell, delegates to the convention of Bible students of America, in session here, of Springfield, Mass., were run down by a Norfolk & Western switch engine at the corner of Main and Matthews streets tonight about 7 o'clock, almost within sight of their husbands.

No headlight was on the tender of engine No. 131 nor was there a flagman on the running board as the train backed out of the Merchants and Miners warehouse across Main street into Matthews and the crew declare they heard no screams and saw no one. Eye-witnesses said that the woman shrieked for help at the top of their voices. Caught by the break beam of the tender their clothing became entangled in the rods and they were dragged for several hundred yards. Their bodies were found a few feet apart.

It was a pathetic sight and never have, old officers declared, has there been such an accident in Norfolk's history. In a dark, dreary street, with faint rays of light penetrating the scene, a drizzling rain adding to the somberness and a crowd of curiosity seekers bent on seeing the crushed and bleeding bodies of human beings, who fifteen minutes before were alive, lay twenty feet apart by the side of the tracks.

Recognizing the body as that of his wife, Mr. Munsell, gave one groan and then ran to tell his friend Mr. Holmes of the accident, passing the body of Mrs. Holmes he hurried toward the foot of Jackson street, where he met the husband coming. After one look at the gruesome sight and examining the rings on her finger, Mr. Holmes identified the dead body as that of his wife. He threw up his hands and cried out:

"Oh, my God; my God, this is awful. If she were in agony, I would jump in to the river and end it all," wailed Mr. Holmes. "here is one consolation, she is not suffering. I thank God that I did not have to witness her agony. Walking up and down the tracks, flinging his arms wildly about the big strong man that he was, he gave way to his feelings and tears stained from his cheeks. He was prevented from jumping into the dock by the police.

POOR POLITICS.

Denunciation of Those of Different Political Views.

John W. Julian who is the editor of the Salisbury Evening Post, and by the way a most excellent man and a good democrat, copies the following from the News and Observer:

"Search a man, who in present condition calls himself a conservative and you will, nine times out of ten find a man who sneezes when a big boss of the tobacco trust takes a pinch of snuff, bows to the ground when a wheezy old engine on the Southern Railway blows. Their 'conservatism' is to take orders from the trusts and then try to fool the folks.

After a considerable and pertinent criticism of the above extract, the Post concludes:

"Harmony will never be restored in the democratic household by heaping abuse upon any faction or wing. There is room for fair and sober discussion of the differences of opinion that exists and it is a healthy sign that all members of the party are not of one mind, since it is the indicative of freedom of thought. But there is a vast difference between a discussion of issues upon their merits and a course that would impugn the motives of every individual who favors a constructive policy."

All of which is very good preaching by the Post and is concurred in by papers in the state, and in time may have its beneficial effect, but not yet.—Durham Herald.

Bigwadd, the trust magnate is reported desperately ill. Who wants him to testify.—Louisville Courier-Journal.